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delivered to the various communities and our fertilizer products and so forth. Then in the discussion we had some very knowledgeable people in the livestock industry there and since that time, additional information has been brought to us, many of us on the floor of the legislature more especially probably to those more closely associated with agriculture and then the loss in the cattle industry ah has been in the excess of twelve billion dollars, in the United States since about the middle of December. Imagine the loss of twelve billion dollars. We are talking about a national debt of three.....budget of three hundred billion dollars and in a matter of two months we have sacrificed twelve billion dollars due to the various problems of which we do not know the answer for at this time. One of the things that are just as certain as we are here today, is that we are going to have a terrific meat scarcity and meat shortage in the very near future. One of the gentlemen that was with us that Saturday afternoon when a half dozen of the legislators and including Senator Proud that in Iowa in north-west Iowa, next to Sioux City a ways, where the cattle feeder had been providing for himself with proper storage facilities for in a...a...and so forth and 32 harvesters and these are expensive pieces of equipment. 31 of them had a no livestock around them. This was sometime ago. This was this winter. Now then with the P & P Ranch having financial difficulties other ranchers and then when we are a talking about 31 feeder feeding operations in north-west Iowa which have expended a great amount of money are not feeding this livestock this can not go on for oh long, and I think that here is an opportunity for us to do something that in all due respect to Senator Schmit and his committee who have been trying to do everything, I think that Senator Carpenter explained it well and something like a wind mill and not because of lack of work and not because of the effort but because we don't have the proper tools to do the things with that we need. Now Senator Proud was going to Washington and I hope soon. Maybe it will be Thursday, that is a representative of the first Congressional District, I believe that he is anyway, but as a representative of the legislature of the state of Nebraska. He is going to ask, he informed me yesterday, for a high level of conference of people from the mid-west, not necessarily only of Nebraska to visit with the President or with Mr. Butts or the bureau of the budget management or any high level department of state government. I am only fearful that we will see if we do have the opportunity to visit with these people that we will be visiting with people possibly in the 10th or 11th category from the top. I hope that this does not happen a but here is a bill where we can be recognized and our state and other states can make certain determinations. In the case of the meat and the consumer price the price that the consumer is paying for the meat. That \$41 for the top livestock today, the price of meat is simply a long, long ways. The consumer is being taken the feeder is being gouged and the report comes to us and of course there are different or difficult to substantiate at times, but that seven chain stores, and I'm not talking about the size of chain stores that you and I know of here in the mid-west but the major chain stores in the United States sell and dispose of 70% of the meat. When you hear the statement made that this is factual these people control the price of the product, it isn't the buyers resistance, it is the price that they decide to put on it, it is the price that they desire to pay for the livestock. Someone laid on our desks this morning some of the differences of cuts of meat and what the profit is on this meat. These are the things that are necessary. I think that one of the other things that can